YOU DIDN'T WON A SINGLE GAMBLE, AND NOW YOU'RE IN THAT WEIRD OUTFIT...

I TOOK YOUR FRIENDS AS HOS-TAGES...

MING-XIA, I'VE NEVER SEEN SOMEONE AS UNLUCKY AS YOU!

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BUT I...

SERIOUSLY, SO FAR YOUR LIFE MUST'VE BEEN A MESS, AM I RIGHT?

BECAME AN AC-TRESS!

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NO, I'LL DO IT!

MING-XIA, WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN. OUR SPARE STUNT PERFORMER BROKE THEIR LEG.

HUH? BUT... I HAVE AN AUDITION TODAY...

I DID EVERYTHING I COULD!!

I WANTED TO BECOME ONE NO MATTER WHAT.

LEADING ACTOR MISS CHANG, PLEASE STEP AHEAD!

CUT! LET'S CON-TINUE!

AN ACTRESS...!!

SOMEONE WHO SPARKLES IN A DISTANT RAY OF LIGHT...

WHAT'S...

AH...

I...

THE OUTCOME...?!

WHAT'S THE OUTCOME OF IT?! YOU'RE JUST GOING TO LOSE AND DIE HERE!

AHAHAH, WELL, GOOD JOB BECOMING AN ACTRESS. BUT...

I GOT INVOLVED IN BATTLING THE AUTOMATA...

I BECAME AN ACTRESS, BUT

AND LOST THE FATHER THAT I TRULY LOVED.....

I THOUGHT BACK ABOUT BECOMING AN ACTRESS...

IT'S AS THIS THING SAYS...

...IT'S TRUE...

I SAW MANY GOOD PEOPLE DIE BEFORE MY EYES...

AND...

I WAS AN IDIOT... FOR TAKING SO LONG TO NOTICE...

IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT I BECAME AN ACTRESS...!!

BECAUSE I'M NOT LUCKY AT ALL!!

SO NOISY...

MING-XIA, FORGET ABOUT US! JUST GET OUT OF HERE!!

I CAN'T POSSIBLY RUN AWAY!!

STOP! I'M STICKING TO YOUR GAMBLES LIKE YOU TOLD ME TO!

MIS-TER!

BE QUIET !!

CAN'T WIN AGAINST THIS GUY!!

BUT... WHAT DO I DO?! SOME-ONE AS UNLUCKY AS ME...

JUST FOLLOW ME. I'M STILL HOLDING THESE TWO AS HOSTAGES.

W... WHERE?

I WANT TO PLAY MORE, SO FOLLOW ME!!

HAHAHAH, THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE NO LUCK MAKES THIS INTER-ESTING.

DON'T WORRY, I WON'T KILL YOU YET. JUST COME HERE.

HERE WE GO! THIS IS AN ELEVA-TOR TO THE CASINO!!

AAAAAAA!!

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THIS IS THE BUILDING WE LEFT HOUAN-SAN AND TOM...

W... WE CAME TO THIS ZONAPHA WARD LAST TIME...

IN THE UNDER-GROUND OF THIS PLACE ...!!

...WHICH MEANS...

THIS PLACE ...

WHAT IS THIS...?

...W... WHAT...

THIS? THIS IS THE DESPAIRING PLACE OF THE CHILDREN WHO CONTRACT ZONAPHA SYN-DROME.

OUR LOVELY CASINO!!

AND IT'S ALSO...

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THEIR BODY TURNS STIFF AND THEIR TEMPERATURE DROPS... BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW WHO TO CURE THEM, AND THERE AREN'T ENOUGH BEDS... THERE'S NO CHOICE BUT TO LEAVE THEM HERE.

CHILDREN WHO CONTRACT ZONAPHA SYNDROME AND DON'T DIE BECOME THE SAME AS STONES...

W-WHY WERE THESE CHILDREN... LEFT TO SUFFER ON THE FLOOR LIKE THIS...?

MACHINE...? THE MACHINE THAT STOPS THE ZONAPHA SYNDROME, RIGHT!? WE'RE HERE TO PROTECT IT!!

HEY NOW, LEAVE THAT ASIDE AND LET'S PLAY A GAME!!

ME TOO... IF DOCTOR BERNHARDT HADN'T MADE THAT MACHINE, I COULD BE LYING HERE NOW...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...?

IF YOU LOSE, I'LL PUT ONE OF THEM OUT OF THEIR MISERY. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

ONE KID HERE EQUALS A CHIP IN OUR GAME.

WHA-...!!

THIS WAY, WE CAN PROPERLY ENJOY THIS...

BUT IF I DON'T WIN, THESE CHILDREN WILL..!!

I DON'T KNOW HOW SOMEONE AS UNLUCKY AS ME CAN POSSIBLY WIN THIS GAMBLE!!

I CAN'T!

AHA HAHA HAHA HAH!!

HOWEVER, IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR BEING UNLUCKY, MING-XIA.

THANK YOU, THAT'S THE BEST KIND OF COMPLIMENT FOR A GAMBLER!

YOU DEMON!! YOU'RE THE WORST KIND OF VILLAIN!!

ARE YA SURE...?

IN A CIRCUS, WE HAVE THIS SAYING...

"YOU DON'T NEED A KNIFE TO KILL AN ENTERTAINER. ALL YOU NEED IS THREE DAYS OF RAIN..."

AH... DID YOU SAY SOMETHING, OLD MAN?

THE RAIN IS NOT THE ENTER-TAINER'S FAULT.

WELL, NEEDLESS TO SAY, BUT IT MEANS CUSTOMERS WON'T BE COMING BECAUSE OF THE RAIN, AND THE ENTERTAINERS' EARNINGS WILL DECREASE.

THIS IS WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU, MING-XIA.

RAIN IS RAIN, ENTER-TAINERS ARE ENTER-TAINERS.

BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE THE RAIN WEAKENS THE ENTER-TAINER'S ART.

WHAT'S THIS OLD MAN SAYING?

PEOPLE CAN ONLY DO WHAT'S POSSIBLE FOR THEM AT THE MOMENT...

IT'S POINTLESS TO LAMENT WHAT'S BEYOND YOUR CONTROL.

MING-XIA, WHAT'S YOUR ART?

OH, C'MON.

HOW ABOUT COIN TOSS?

I'LL BET ON "HEADS."

I'VE BEEN WAITING. WHAT SHALL IT BE?

JONES, LET'S MAKE A FINAL GAMBLE.

OK!!

IS IT ALRIGHT FOR ME TO DO IT?

WHO'S TOS-SING?

THEN, I'LL GO WITH "TAILS."

MY OH MY, WASN'T COIN TOSS PRETTY PAINFUL LAST TIME? BUT FINE BY ME.

I GUESS I REALLY JUST WANT...

TO PUNCH YOU ONCE!!

...WELL, I GUESS I SHOULD ASK JUST IN CASE, BUT WHAT DO YOU WANT IF YOU WIN...?

I'VE BEEN LED ASTRAY BY THIS THING'S SWEET TALKING, AND LET MYSELF DOWN BECAUSE OF MY LACK OF LUCK...

EVEM THOUGH I HAVE AN ART I CAN PERFORM...

MISTER... I WONDER WHY I'VE BEEN SO THICKHEADED...

HAHAHA

AGAIN? ONE PUNCH IS NOTHING.

THEN, I'LL KILL ONE OF THESE BRATS IF I WIN!!

XIE XIE!!
THANKS!!

IT'S FINE AS LONG AS YOU TOOK NOTICE... WE'VE COME THIS FAR, I WON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT WHATEVER HAPPENS.

IS NOT SUITED FOR GAMBLING!

SOMEONE WITH POOR TACTICS LIKE YOU

MING-XIA,

YOU'RE FAST TO GO FOR A STRAIGHT, OPEN-ENDED FIST.

AHA HA HA HA

COME ON, AN IDIOT LIKE YOU CAN'T EVEN CATCH IT! THAT'S AN AMATEUR FOR YOU...

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WHAT YOU TAUGHT ME...

YOU WERE RIGHT, FATHER. MY ART HAS ALWAYS BEEN...

Y-YOU... WHAT...!? THAT'S AGAINST THE RULES...

A MACHINE LIKE YOU IS FREE TO CONTROL THE COIN AND ROULETTE AT WILL.

HMPH, I DON'T WANNA HEAR THAT FROM SOMEONE WHO TAKES HOSTAGES AND FORCIBLY DRAGS PEOPLE TO PLAY WHAT THEY'RE GOOD AT!

I'M A WOMAN WHO WAS TO DO HER VERY BEST AT EVERYTHING EITHER WAY.

YOU SAY I'M UNLUCKY...? THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!!

GAMBLING MADE ME FORGET SOMETHING AS IMPORTANT AS THAT.

THAT'S WHY I BECAME AN ACTRESS.

MARTIAL ARTS THIS!

DON'T THESE KIND OF PEOPLE ...

GET UNEXPECT-EDLY LUCKY IN THE END?

OH... BUT JONES...

I'M REALLY... NOT SUITED FOR IT.

O...

A... ALL IT TOOK... TO MAKE MY BODY FLUIDS BOIL WAS...

OUR DEAL WAS ONE PUNCH!

ONE PUNCH !!!